

# BIOGRAPHY

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Jerry O'Brien is the Deputy Division Chief of the Global Development Alliance within the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). In this role, Mr. O'Brien manages the GDA's contracting mechanism, which supports not only the GDA secretariat but also field Missions. He provides strategic direction, administrative oversight, training design and delivery and other technical services in the public-private partnership arena.

Serving in the USAID Office of Democracy and Governance, Mr. O'Brien was the Senior Anticorruption Advisor from 2001 – 2006. In this role, he managed the Agency's Anticorruption contracting mechanism. He was a major author of the Agency's 2005 Anticorruption Strategy and designed and managed the implementation of this new strategic approach. He crafted and delivered training programs across the agency. In addition, he provided technical assistance and program design advice to missions on both stand-alone anticorruption programs as well as crosscutting approaches to anticorruption. Mr. O'Brien is a well-known speaker in the anticorruption world and has appeared at many international forums including Transparency International's International Anticorruption Conference.

Prior to joining USAID, Mr. O'Brien was Director of International Programs at the Ethics Resource Center (ERC). He served as a consultant to multinational corporations in the design and management of their ethics programs. Clients included corporations, non-profit institutions and the World Bank. He oversaw the establishment and expansion of the ERC's international department, which established NGOs in Columbia, Russia, South Africa, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates to focus on organizational ethics in business and government as well as values education programs. In this capacity he traveled extensively as a speaker and consultant.

Mr. O'Brien has a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Connecticut. He speaks French, Italian and Spanish.